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- (a) The Secretary shall appoint a State Fire Marshal from a list of three names submitted by the Commission.
 - (b) The State Fire Marshal shall:
 - (1) be a graduate of an accredited college or university; and
- (2) have 5 years of recent progressively responsible experience, at least 3 years of which shall have been at the administrative level, in fire prevention inspection, fire investigation, fire safety promotion, fire protection engineering, fire fighting, or teaching fire safety engineering.
 - (c) The State Fire Marshal serves for a term of 6 years.
- (d) The State Fire Marshal is in the executive service of the State Personnel Management System.
- (e) (1) At any time, the Secretary may remove the State Fire Marshal for neglect of duty or other conduct unbecoming the office.
- (2) The Commission may recommend to the Secretary that the State Fire Marshal be removed for cause.
- (3) (i) Before removing the State Fire Marshal, the Secretary shall give the State Fire Marshal:
 - 1. timely notice with a statement of the charges; and
 - 2. an opportunity for a public hearing on the charges.
- (ii) The State Fire Marshal may be represented at the hearing by counsel.
- (f) The State Fire Marshal is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

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